

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-8 and 11-19 are pending in this application. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-2 and 6-7 amended for clarity and conciseness, and claims 4-5 and 9-10 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. New claims 11-18 are added to recite additional features. New claim 19 recites a computer program product. The Examiner is requested to consider the information identified in the Information Disclosure Statements filed in this application on October 21, 2002, January 23, 2003, May 4, 2004 and July 14, 2004.

Prompt examination and allowance in due course are earnestly solicited.

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